

30 (Amended) A fuel dispensing system comprising:

a fuel dispenser including a customer interface for conducting a transaction including a lottery ticket purchase and a payment acceptor for receiving a payment for the transaction;

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a lottery ticket dispenser associated with said fuel dispenser for dispensing lottery tickets;

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a control system operatively associated with said fuel dispenser and said lottery ticket dispenser and adapted to cause said lottery ticket dispenser to dispense a lottery ticket to a customer in response to receiving the payment for the transaction through said payment acceptor in said fuel dispenser; and

transaction indicia related to the purchase of a lottery ticket through said fuel dispenser communicated to the customer and to said lottery ticket dispenser by said fuel dispensing system.

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 18, 2002 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment amends claim 30 in accordance with the originally-filed specification. Claims 21-45 remain in this application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Initially, the Examiner has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner believes that the phrase "said transaction indicia" lacks proper antecedent basis. In accordance with the Examiner's requirement for clarification, claim 30 has been appropriately amended to